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You Have The Vote

Use It!

Late Registration Set Today And Saturday

Nearly nine months have passed since Congress granted to the 18-20 year old group that long sought after, long awaited privilege – the right to vote in general election. By virtue of that congressional act the youth of this country, between 18-21, were formally and legally elevated to the status of voters.

For quite some time the American young have pleaded to be recognized. They have urged systematic changes at all levels of government. The passage of the 26th amendment to the Constitution is indeed an indication that the voice of youth has finally been heard. It is somewhat perplexing that after such vigorous vociferation by youth, in an effort to effect some meaningful response, that they have failed to realize they have been heard! At least this seems to be the case in Broome County, when considering the much than less anticipated registration by local youth.

In an editorial in the Sun-Bulletin, David Bernstein stated, "... any young person who fails to register as a voter loses his moral right to criticize the system... If he does register, he can bring about all the changes that enough persons like him may agree upon as desirable."

As legally defined adults we may now actively participate in the democratic process. The zenith of this participation is, of course, aspiring to public office. (Two BCC students recently challenged New York State Election Law regarding a candidate's age by announcing their candidacies for local office. After much difficulty, however, they withdrew.) However, for the public at large, the manifestation of the participant's interest is individual voter registration at the local level.

The newly enfranchised 18-20 year old segment of New York City has shown its enthusiasm for participation by a 50% registration turnout of all those eligible to vote in the upcoming election. In comparing NYC to Broome County it is discouraging to consider that only 2,561 youthful voters have registered out of 11,998 who are eligible. This represents a turnout of only 21% according to Thomas J. Conlon, Broome County Commissioner of Elections.

In a telephone interview, Mr. Conlon said the Board of Elections had "... hoped to get a larger number of eligible youth to register before the August 30th deadline..." for registration at the Broome County Courthouse.

A possible explanation for the sparcity of young people on the elections rolls is the fact that many people view local elections as somewhat insignificant and often wait until state and national issues and offices are at stake before registering and subsequently voting. If such is the case, consider then the local legislators are the very ones who control the BCC budget. In that perspective it is quite evident that participation (or lack thereof) in local government can be of consequence to the local youth.

All is not lost. Mr. Conlon indicated that there would be two additional days on which those who didn't register prior to the 30th of August could register in their respective polling districts. Mr. Conlon said he felt "... hopeful that many will take advantage of the two additional days left on which they may add their names to the elections rolls." Those dates are, Thursday, Sept. 30th and Saturday, Oct. 2nd.

In a final effort to encourage all eligible voters to register it might be well to mention if anyone wants to have a voice in the selection of delegates to the National Party Conventions, who in turn will select the Presidential candidates, in the '72 primary they must be registered as a voter by Oct. 2nd.

The youthful voice has been heard; the right to vote has been granted: action preceeds change!

– John Bergin

EDITORIALS

Much time could be spent discussing a newapaper's purpose and value, but we shall not attempt that here, for we wish to set the tone and mood for future issues by being frank and to the point.

We feel that a newspaper, in addition to reporting the news of the college and making the student aware of major issues in the world at large, is a valuable aid in establishing an atmosphere of free speech and student independence. It can provide the student with a means of bringing student concerns to the attention of the college faculty and administration and supply the force necessary to initiate needed change. More important, a newspaper is you, the student, for it is the student who defines its essence.

As the name 'Fulcrum' implies, it shall be the policy of this newspaper, its editors and staff to supply the capability for action so that our community might expand its present boundaries of academic freedom, knowledge and truth through freedom of expression.

We encourage each and every student to participate in the production of this newspaper, and as always, we shall welcome comments and letters to the editor.

As We See It...

As We See It, was formerly based on the expressed opinion of the editor. This year the column shall pose a pertinent question and will consist of student response to this question.

We're hoping this column will prove to be informative and an opportunity for students to voice their opinions.

Question: Have you registered? Do you feel your vote, being the youth vote, will change the face of politics?

Paul Lombardi, CS 74. 'Yes, I'm registered. There is a lot of power behind the youth vote, but most young people aren't using the vote which some of our elders tried so hard to get for us.'
Filene Senis, LA 73. 'Yes, I registered. Yes, it could, but registration showed how everybody has been just a lot of talk.'
Patty Arnoldine, LA 73. 'Yes, I'm registered. Yes, if all the kids got out and voted.'
Bill Moers, LA 73. 'No, I'm not registered. Yes, if we all vote together.'
Ron Kerneklian, BA 73. 'No, I'm not registered, I didn't have time this summer.'
Marty Briggs, LA 73. 'No, I'm not registered, voting isn't important to me right now. Yes, if enough kids vote.'
Jim Sisson, LA 73. 'Yes, I'm registered. Yes and no, county wise, no; federal wise, no; but possibly state wise.'

All students questioned were eighteen and nineteen.

If you haven't registered as yet, the final days are September 30th and Oct. 1st. For information contact Broome County Board of Elections at 772-2172.

Validity Board For Student Paper Check

The Validity Board was created for the future but is in effect now. The reasons are that the paper is planning to expand and is striving for higher goals. The Validity Board is designed to give anyone who feels they are being slandered or otherwise misused the chance to appear before a group of peers and air their complaints and see action taken almost immediately to establish the truth.

The Board is comprised of the Editor-in-Chief of the Student Publication, the Managing Editor, the Faculty Advisor, two instructors, and two students (1 male and 1 female, both non-members of the Student Publications.)

The procedure is as follows: Anyone who feels the printed material is invalid and possesses the valid information may call the Board together with a written request. At that time the Board will have the author of the article in question attend the meeting in defense of the article. If the article is found to be valid no action will be taken.

However, if the article contains invalid information the author will be asked to write a revision. The revision will then be reviewed by the Board before it will be printed. If the revision is still invalid; then the Board, as a whole, will rewrite the article. If the author refuses to write a revision from the start, then the Board as a body will write the revision.

Peace Major At Manhattan First One In The Country

Riverdale, N.Y. – Manhattan College has become the first institution in the nation to establish an undergraduate major in the study of peace.

The new major, which will be available to students beginning in September, 1971, will be interdisciplinary for undergraduates "interested in the problems of peaceful resolution of conflict and of stability in community and world affairs," according to a description made public recently by Brother Francis Bowers, F.S.C., dean of Manhattan's School of Arts and Sciences.

Described as a "major breakthrough" by Dr. Tom T. Stonier, a professor of biology at Manhattan, the peace studies major involves a core curriculum of seven courses, totalling twenty-one credits. Dr. Stonier did much of the organizational work that resulted in the establishment of the major program.

Typical courses will include: Anatomy of Peace, a history course; Peace and Revolution, to be taught by religious studies faculty; Biology of Human Behavior, which Dr. Stonier will teach; and World Economic Geography.

In addition to regular course work, students will be required to attend a weekly seminar in peace studies and conduct an independent research or field project with an advisor. The seminars will involve team teaching by the peace studies faculty as well as lectures by visiting experts.

Dr. Stonier calls peace studies a "rapidly developing science that encompasses many traditional disciplines." Students majoring in the field have several career options, he explains. Executive careers, especially with internationally- oriented firms, government service and education are some of the areas Dr. Stonier lists as offering opportunities to undergraduate peace studies majors.

"Peace studies majors," says Dr. Stonier, "will be particularly well-equipped to go into fields like labor-management, with a background in inter-group conflict and management of conflict.

The peace major would have a more international education and would be able to relate to other cultures easily," he adds. "His education, too will have been problem-oriented, not the traditional discipline-oriented."

Dr. Stonier predicts students from the pilot program will help staff future peace studies departments in colleges and universities throughout the nation. Underscoring this contention, Dr. Stonier indicates that already in the talking stage is the establishment of a course in the School of Teacher Preparation on How to Teach Peace.

The Chess Club would like to announce a Chess Tournament on campus, open to all faculty, staff, and students of Broome Community College on Saturday, October 16, 1971. It will begin at 10:00 a.m., in the Student Center. The type of tournament will be dependent upon the number of entries received. There will be prizes awarded. Any questions should be directed to John W. Almy, President, Chess Club, Math-Phys Dept., Titchener 205. If you would like to enter please contact M. Goldberg, Math-Phys. Dept., Titchener 210, by October 8, 1971.

Concerned Students Attend Demonstration

Loretta Rotunno

Going to a demonstration does not necessarily mean you agree with the issues presented, but rather it helps you form an opinion or confirm one.

Eleven Broome students were concerned enough to go to the Attica demonstration at the courthouse Thursday, September 16th. It seems hard to believe that the remaining student body felt they were well enough informed on this issue to stay away.

Some 300 students and businessmen gathered together to hear Ronald Benjamin of PROBE, an organization to aid ex-convicts, Harris J. Thompson, director of Broome County Urban League, and several other speakers. There was also a difference of opinion openly displayed by Bernard Clifford who carried signs supporting Governor Rockefeller, our present penal system, and the death penalty for the Attica rioters.

The issue brought to the surface by the incidents at Attica is that our correctional institutions today are dehumanizing, demoralizing, racist, and not serving their purpose; that of rehabilitation. It is this writer's opinion that the violence at Attica could have been avoided with long overdue, meaningful prison reforms and a less apathetic attitude on the part of state officials.

Concerned students who wish to actively support the need of prison reform should contact PROBE.

The Fulcrum would welcome hearing from you on this issue.

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The Adventures Of

Berford Broome And His Electric Community College

It was a lazy mid-August afternoon. Suddenly a shot rang out! "Wow," said Danny Dope from the back seat of the dark green automobile, T.H.E. Car, in which we were riding. "Oh gee," said Fanny Frosh pushing her overripe, pulsating body still tighter against mine, "What was that, Berford?"

"Crissake, Fanny!" I yelled, "I can't drive this 3,000 pounds of inherent disaster with you sitting in my goddam lap. Back off! That was only one of them big construction earth-mover-mothers backfiring."

"Wow," said Danny Dope.

"Oh gee, Berford," said the chastened young wench, "You're so smart. No wonder you're a senior this year at BCC."

"Elementary," I replied with a knowing smile, "How about if we cruise around campus and see how it's been changed by all this multi-million dollar construction?"

"Wow," said Danny Dope.

"Gee whiz," said Fanny, "That sounds like fun, Berford." Her eyelashes fluttered, meaningfully. There was no mistaking that message. "Can we stop at the Psychedelic Psub first? I have to powder my nose."

"Wow," said Danny Dope, nasally.

After a fifteen minute wait, during which I explained to Danny what Joyce Kilmer really meant when he wrote "Trees," ("Oh, Wow!" said Danny, "I always thought Joyce Kilmer was a chick!") our kitten returned from the sandbox, slid back into the plush front seat of T. H. E. Car and purred, "Shall we cruise the campus now?"

"Let us," I replied crisply, shoving the great behemoth into "Drive" and hearing the familiar sound of rubber being put to the ultimate test.

"Dammit, Danny," I screamed, "Quit chewing on that balloon and watch the campus. After all, you should know how you're going to get to your classes this year!" I realized the folly of that statement as soon as it was out of my mouth, but decided to let it ride. Within ten minutes we had arrived at a dull, flat piece of concrete jutting up out of the landscape, striped with strange looking white lines.

"Gee," said Fanny, our fabulous frosh, "it's kind of scary. What do you think it is, Berford?"

Puzzled, I stalled for time, running my hand smoothly over those big beautiful knobs, trying to get a meaningful response. Finding nothing but news and country and western music, I switched the radio off and turned back to Fanny. "I'm not sure," I said assuredly, "but I have an idea. Everybody out!"

I left the two of them standing by T. H. E. Car and paced the perimeter of the object under surveillance. I then checked and double-checked the distance between the white lines. Shaking my head, I returned to their sides respectively.

"I think it's a parking lot," I said, with respect.

"Is it a parking lot?" said Danny, testily.

"Yes," I replied, my eyes narrowing to slits, "It's a parking lot."

"Oh, wow!" cried Danny Dope in dismay. "How can they put a parking lot way the hell back here? I mean look... there's the goddam F.B.I. looking right over your shoulder. You can't smoke in a car with the goddam F.B.I. looking over your goddam shoulder!"

"No, Danny," I replied, shaken as all the implications that this implied coursed through my body like hot lava.

"Oh my God," said Fanny, the tears trickling down her cheeks, "think of this winter! In hot pants it's a long cold walk back to campus."

"Exactly," I replied, knowing that the administration had hit us again where it really hurt... right square in the balls of our feet.

"Hey Berf," said Danny, brightening, "Maybe it's a faculty parking lot."

"No," I said darkly, "they'd never put the faculty back here... responsibility and all that."

"But Berford," said Fanny brightly, "if parking is alloted by responsibility, giving the faculty the obvious best places, then why does the janitor get to park right near the door behind Titchener Hall? Does that mean that he has more responsibility than the faculty who teach there and have to park down by the library?"

"Of course," I said blackly, "Who can teach a class in a dirty classroom? The students would not respect a teacher who teaches in a dirty classroom."

"Wow," said Danny Dope, "this place is a bad trip!"

"Berford?" said Fanny, sniffling, "What's that tiny building way over there?"

"That is Kitchener Hall," I said softly. "That's where most of your classes will be, baby." I put my arm around her and she wept into my shoulder, great gasping lungfuls of air shaking her fantastic body. I hoped my deodorant wasn't letting me down.

We climbed back into T. H. E. Car and, after a short ten minute ride, were back to the main part of campus. I parked in a visitor's slot and we sat in silence broken only occasionally by Fanny's muffled sobs. In the back seat, Danny Dope was just staring at nothing. I hoped it was only the shock of the moment that had put him in that state.

Fanny raised her tear-ravaged face to meet my eyes. I could tell this was gonna be a rough year on the poor kid.

"Oh, gee," she snuffled out, "Berford, I'm scared."

"I'll stick by you, Fanny," I said thickly and enfolded her in my arms.

Suddenly, Danny sat upright in the back seat, his eyes blazing, and said softly, yet with conviction, "These are the times that try men's soles."

"Beautiful, Danny," I said, my eyes stinging and a lump in my throat, "just beautiful."

(to be continued...)

Five Full Time Counselors New Addition To BCC Staff

Michael David Supa

This year at Broome Community College, we have not one, not two, but five full time counselors to assist the students.

The members of the counseling staff are Miss Sharon Kooman, Mr. Alan Bennett, Mr. Curtis Wilbur, Mr. Francis Battisti, and their director Mr. Gary Smith.

Mr. Smith has expressed an optimistic outlook on the results from the all new counseling staff. The counselors all hold Masters degrees in counseling and student personnel, and are a new breed of counselors trained to assist the student in any way.

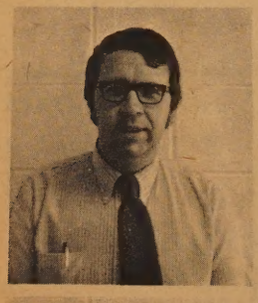
"Confidence and trust," says Mr. Bennett, "are the two factors that a college counselor would like to instill in a student. A student can talk freely with the counselor and feel assured that their conversation will be discussed with no one."

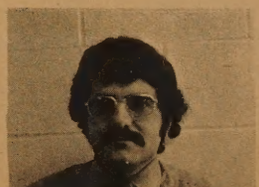
The information available to a student from a counselor is abundant. Mr. Wilbur says, "We can answer questions ranging from the draft to transfer or marriage to student-teacher problems." If the information is not readily available they will obtain it.

You, as a student, will be confronted with many situations and problems, and you will need advice. The counselor is there to help by listening, suggesting, and listening again until a desirable solution is attained. They offer the pro's and con's, and leave the final decision to you.

Mr. Battisti explained that a student should not expect a college counselor to be like a high school guidance counselor. They will not hand out individual notices asking you to see them, nor will they act as disciplinarians. Their function is to help you.

According to Miss Kooman, "Students should allow their college experience to be more personalized."





Susquehanna Home Needs Volunteers

Jim Johnston

At the Susquehanna Valley Home, located at 100 Home Avenue in Binghamton, there are many deserving children in need of personal contact with individuals outside the Home. The children have unusual backgrounds and are in need of relationships with stable individuals within the community who have a genuine interest in helping others and have a love of children.

In the past many students and professors became involved with the children in a warm, one-to-one relationship through Big Brother, Big Sister, or Dutch Aunt and Uncle programs. These relationships have served to broaden both the children's and the student's environment, and offer an additional avenue of personal development.

The Susquehanna Valley Home invites anyone interested in this program to contact Mrs. Susan Warner, Community Services Worker, at the Susquehanna Valley Home, 723-9545.

Cultural Calendar

Judy Valek

Oct. 24 ROBERSON CENTER "Portraits by Americans" Bartoo Galleries. No admission

Oct. 2 ROBERSON – PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTER. Second Annual Southern Tier Photo Teach-In Sears Harkness Theater and Bartoo Galleries 9:30 a.m. For information, call 772-0660, ext. 40.

Oct. 5 "Journey to Cape Cod," slides and discussion by David Fergus, Little Theater, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Admission charge.

Oct. 7 Harpur Film Society presents "The Big Sleep," (USA 1946) Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall Lecture Hall One 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. plus short, "The Blues," documentary on blues music.

Oct. 14 Harpur Film Society presents "The Scarlett Empress" (USA 1934) Marlene Dietrich plus short, "Interviews with Mylai Veterans" Lecture Hall One 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

to be announced. Harpur concert: Smokie Robinson

to be announced. Syracuse, John and Yoko Lennon

Hornet Sports

Soccer: Small Turnout

Rick Button

This Year's varsity soccer team is called by Coach Winters "The smallest turn out I have ever had." The team is small in both number and experience, as only Rick Quackenbush and Karl McHenka are returning regulars. They will be joined by seniors Bill Donahue, Jerry Glessner, Jeff Gregg, George Ocker, Tony Salerno and George Williams. Two other seniors out for the team are Greame Outerbridge and Jim Haus. These two sat out a season due to ineligibility.

Freshman candidates include Bill Heim and Tom Phillips from C. V., Bill Novitshe from M-E, Jerry Underwiid from U–E, and three from Dellwood School in Burmuda. They are Mike Wall, Rich Correia, and Richard Ruberry, the goalie.

It will be interesting to see how the players from Bermuda, where Soccer is exceedingly popular, will react to BCC's small but interested crowds.

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Cross Country: Strong Year

Jim Johnston

Throughout the years, Broome Community College Cross Country teams have had winning ways. Going into last season, the BCC harriers were carrying a career record of 42 wins and 33 losses.

It was a different story last year, however, as BCC's runners took their lumps while compiling a meager 4-7 record. Coach Dick Leo, in his tenth year of coaching the sport, expects to return to winning ways this year. "We have much more material and better runners this season," he said.

Three reasons for his optimism are in the form of Lynn Skinner, Bernie Bidwell and Steve Matey. These runners, all local boys, are from CV, OFA, and North, respectively. Skinner and Bidwell were the team's one and two men last year.

The other harriers, all freshmen, look strong. They are John Struppler from OFA, Dave Berry from M–E, Ray Lia from North, Dick Harty from Hancock (a Vietnam veteran) and Tim Comfort and Gus Supka, both from Johnson City.

Leo said that the two toughest opponents for this year appear to be Cobleskill, October 12 and Orange October 26.

Also in the schedule are two triangular meets. The first one is here on October 6, and Corning Community College will be the site of the second on October 16.

Intramurals In Full Swing

Jim Johnston

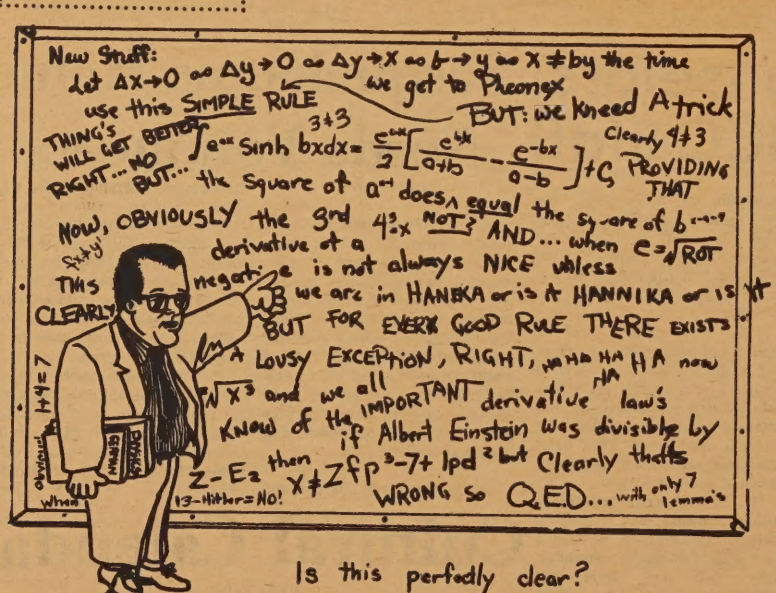
The Fall intramural program for men at BCC got underway Wednesday, September 22 with flag football being the first sport. On this first day, practice games and a rules clinic for teams and officials involved in the football league was held.

Al Reid replaces Mr. Whittaker as the director of the program. Hornet basketball fans should certainly remember Reid (a pretty straight fellow) as a standout on the BCC basketball court. If students wish to see Mr. Reid about intramurals, he can be found in the athletic office in the SUB.

There will be four sports making up the program for the first term. Besides flag football, there will be a soccer league, a cross country tournament, and (believe it or not) horseshoe pitching. Soccer starts October 14, a Thursday. As of now, no definite date has been set for the cross country tournament or the horseshoe pitch.

All events will take place between 11:40 and 1:30, Monday through Friday.

Those interested in more information about the intramural program, check the bulletin board outside the athletic office.



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CHESS CLUB: Meets every Monday in the faculty Lounge in the Library at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone out there interested in learning about yourself and other people??? Call or see Sharon. Counseling Center – 5032 Student Personnel Office.

Want to learn something about Movies and Films?? We invite you to join the Broome Community College Film Society. We need students to help do everything from selecting and ordering films to running projectors. If interested please contact Miss Gifford, Miss Osmun, Mr. Guillon or Mr. Littlefield.

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